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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/806,067	Applicant(s) PIASKOWSKI ET AL.	
	Examiner TUYEN T NGUYEN	Art Unit 2832	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2004.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,11-17,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 and 11-13 is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,14-17,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 14-17 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bramanti in view of Tominaga et al. [US 5,821,844].

Bramanti discloses a core structure [figure 4A] for an inductive device comprising:

- first and second core structures [C1, C2];
- first and second permanent magnets [20, 22] disposed between the first and second core structures, wherein the first and second permanent magnets being placed so that their fields are additive; and
- at least one coil [T1, T2, T3, T4] surrounding each of the first and second core structures.

Bramanti discloses the instant claimed invention except for magnetic pole pieces and their arrangement.

Tominaga et al. discloses a core structure [figures 4-9] comprising a plurality of core elements, a plurality of permanent magnets [4a] and a plurality of pole pieces [6] supporting the permanent magnets.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include pole pieces in Bramanti, as suggested by Tominaga et al., for the purpose of reducing demagnetization.

Regarding claims 14-17 and 19-20, the specific three legs type core structures and permanent magnets arrangements would have been an obvious design consideration based on the intended applications and environment used and for the purpose of controlling the magnetic flux.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-8 and 11-13 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/27/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1-3, 14-17 and 19-20, applicant have incorporate claim 4 into independent claims 1 and 14, applicant haven't made any argument to reference Tominaga et al. [US 5,821,844]. Examiner assumed that Bramanti in view of Tominaga et al. discloses the claimed invention in claims 1-3, 14-17 and 19-20.

Regarding claims 5-8 and 11-13. The arguments are moot in view of the allowance of claims 5-8 and 11-13.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ELVIN ENAD can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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